By the King,

A PROCLAMATION

For the Encouraging and better Eſtabliſhing of the Manufacture of *White Paper* in *England*.

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WHereas the making of the beſt and fineſt ſorts of Writing and Printing Paper hath been by great Charge and Induſtry brought to perfection, whereby many thouſands of Our Subjects who are deſtitute of Imployment, and are Burthenſom to the Pariſhes Wherein they live will be ſet on Work, and vaſt Sums of Money which are daily ſent abroad for Foreign Paper, preſerved in this Our Kingdom. And Whereas the Governor and Company of White-Paper-Makers have made it appear to Us, That (to their great Loſs and Diſcouragement) ſeveral evil diſpoſed Perſons, Foreigners and others, deſigning to deſtroy the ſaid Manufacture, and to hinder its Eſtabliſhment here, have endeavoured to Corrupt, and as well by promiſes of Reward, as by Menaces, to Withdraw the Companies Servants from their Service, and have lately conveyed ſeveral of them beyond the Seas: For the preventing of ſuch and the like Deſigns and Practices for the future, and for the Encouragement of ſo good and profitable a Manufacture in this Our Kingdom, We of Our Princely Care have thought fit to give the ſaid Governor and Company all poſſible Encouragement, and to take them into Our Royal Protection; And We do by this Our Royal Proclamation, by and With the Advice of Our Priby Council, Strictly Prohibit and Forbid all and every Perſon and Perſons, of What Quality, Degree or Nation ſoever, to Corrupt, Withdraw, or Intice aWay, or attempt by any Ways or means to Corrupt, Withdraw, or Intice aWay from the ſaid Company, any Perſon or Perſons Whatſoever Who now are, or at any time hereafter ſhall be Imployed in their Service, upon pain of Our higheſt Diſpleaſure, and of being Puniſhed With the utmoſt Severity, as Violaters of Our Laws. And for the better and more ſpeedy Diſcovery and Apprehending of Offenders in this kind, We do hereby Grant unto the ſaid Governor and Company, and their Succeſſors, full Power and Authority under their Common Seal, from time to time to Conſtitute and Appoint a fit Perſon at each of their reſpective Mills, Who ſhall have Authority to Apprehend and Carry any Offender or Offenders, before ſome one of Our Juſtices of the Peace, in order to be proceeded againſt according to Law. And as a further Encouragement to the ſaid Company, We have Prohibited, and do hereby Prohibit the Exportation of all Linnen-Rags, Glovers Clippings, Parchment Shreds, Calves Pates, and Waterpieces, being neceſſary Materials for the ſaid Manufacture; And We do hereby Charge and Command the Commiſſioners, and every of the Officers of Our Cuſtoms to ſee the ſame duly Executed; And We do hereby alſo ſtrictly Charge and Command all Mayors, Sheriffs, Juſtices of the Peace, and all other of Our Officers and Miniſters Whatſoever Whom it ſhall or may concern, at all times, and upon all occaſions, to be Aiding and Aſſiſting to the ſaid Governor and Company, and their ſeveral Officers, Agents and Servants, in the due Execution of this Our Royal Will and Pleaſure herein before Declared, and in the Apprehending, Seizing and Puniſhing of all Offenders touching the Premiſſes, as they tender Our Pleaſure, and Will anſWer the contrary at their utmoſt Perils.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall* the Nine and twentieth Day of *April*, 1687. In the Third Year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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